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district or at large, but I just want you to know this bill was never intended for the good of the people of Douglas County. The purpose of this bill is to elect someone who has tried and failed and has now got to find a new avenue of doing it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senators.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, a little bit ago I thought perhaps we would get it to a vote on this quickly but I have six lights on, so with your permission, we will interrupt to take Senator Pappas' resolution for a few moments, then we will come back and the order is Hannibal, Pirsch, Vard Johnson, Chambers, H. Peterson, Newell and Kilgarlin. So we have added one since I started talking. Okay, Senator Pappas.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 24 is a resolution offered by the membership. (Read LR 24 as found on pages 298-299 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues, occasionally through the walks of life we run across an individual whose virtues and morals are above and beyond reproach. Senator Rumery was one of these people. Throughout his life, as you have witnessed and heard from the resolution, he has dedicated his life to God, his country, the State of Nebraska, the people within the State of Nebraska and his family and I think it is appropriate for the Nebraska Legislature to pay this small tribute to the man that has dedicated himself for this way of life. With this I would urge passage of the amendment, the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: In front this morning, we have Mattie Rumery. Mattie, would you stand up, please. We do honor you and former Senator Rumery this morning and we are most happy to do it. Certainly people of integrity like you are needed and we recognize Senator Rumery and you for that. In addition to that we have the son of Mattie, M.L. Rumery and his wife, Pauline, with us this morning and his daughter Margene Phares and her husband, Bob, and their children, Brad, Brian and Amy, and we also have friends of the family, Gene and Ardys Stadler, as well as the superintendent of North Platte School District, Dr. Jack Elliot. So would you please recognize them this morning for this little occasion. Mattie, we would welcome your response if you would like to do so.